

Surah 22 Surah Hajj

THE HAJJ

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH HAJJ AND SURAH AMBIYAA

Surah Ambiyaa mentioned that all the Ambiyaa ~~ﷺ~~ brought the message that only Allaah must be regarded as the One Who can alleviate difficulties and Who can assist one in all matters. Therefore, He alone must be worshipped and summoned during adversities. Surah Ambiyaa also included narratives about various Ambiyaa ~~ﷺ~~, emphasising that they called only to Allaah in all adversities.

Surah Hajj conveys the message that just as Allaah reserves the right to be called upon during times of adversity, He reserve the right to all sacrifices, offerings and oaths. These must be made only in His name. Just as one will be guilty of *Shirk* if one calls to any other during times of adversity, one would also be guilty of the same if one presents offerings and sacrifices to anyone besides Allaah.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

Surah Hajj may be divided into the following two parts:

The first part commences from the beginning of the Surah and terminates with the words “... **We shall let him taste a painful punishment**” [verse 25]. This part is primarily concerned with refuting the beliefs of those who are convinced that others besides Allaah have the ability to do things by hidden means without Allaah's help. Two detailed logical proofs are presented to substantiate *Towheed* and thereby refute *Shirk*. These proofs are found in verses 5 and 18. in addition to proving *Towheed*, verse 5 proves the advent of *Qiyaamah* as well.

The second part begins with the verse “**When We showed Ibraheem the location of the house...**” [verse 26]. This part refutes the actions of the Mushrikeen under the following four headings:

- Observe what Allaah has forbidden. ● Abolish whatever others have forbidden.
- Fulfil the vows and offerings made in Allaah's name. ● Do not make vows and offerings to others.

Thereafter, Allaah proceeds to permit *Jihaad* against the Mushrikeen and also promises victory for the Muslims in the verse “**Permission (the command to fight back) has been granted to those (Muslims) who are under attack (from their enemies) because they have been oppressed (wronged). Without doubt, Allaah is Most Capable of rendering assistance to them.**” [verse 39]

Allaah mentions several arguments to refute the beliefs and actions of the Mushrikeen, one of the most convincing being verse 73 in which Allaah states, “**O people! An example (indicating the helplessness of all false gods) has been given, so listen attentively to it. Indeed those (gods) that you worship besides Allaah can never create even (something as little and insignificant as) a fly (which Allaah has created in great abundance) even though all of them join forces in this effort. (In fact,) If a (weak and insignificant) fly has to steal anything from them (from these false gods), they (are so helpless that they) cannot (even) retrieve it. The seeker (the Mushrikeen) and the sought (their gods) are both weak (feeble and helpless).**”

سُورَةُ الْحَجِّ نِسْفًا وَمِنْهُنَّ سَبْعُونَ آيَةً وَعَشْرًا مَكِّيَّةٌ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ إِنَّ زَلْزَلَةَ السَّاعَةِ شَيْءٌ عَظِيمٌ ①

1. O people! Fear (the punishment of) your Rabb (by obeying His commands). The earthquake of (the Day of) Qiyaamah is a tremendous (mighty) thing indeed.

يَوْمَ تَرَوْنَهَا تَذْهَلُ كُلُّ مُرْضِعَةٍ عَمَّا أَرْضَعَتْ وَتَضَعُ كُلُّ ذَاتِ حَمْلٍ حَمْلَهَا وَتَرَى النَّاسَ سُكَرَىٰ وَمَا هُمْ بِسُكَرَىٰ وَلَٰكِنَّ عَذَابَ اللَّهِ شَدِيدٌ ②

2. When you will witness the day (of Qiyaamah), (you will see that people will be so terrified and worried (that) every nursing mother will forget her suckling infant and every pregnant woman will abort (her unborn child). You will also see people in a drunken stupor although they will not be drunk, but (they will be in this condition because they will realise that) Allaah's punishment is severe (Worried that they will have to face His punishment, people will be oblivious of everything else).

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يُجَادِلُ فِي اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَيَتَّبِعُ كُلَّ شَيْطَانٍ مَّرِيدٍ ③

3. There are those people who, without (relevant) knowledge, dispute with you about (the Being, the Attributes or actions of) Allaah and they follow (the dictates of) every rebellious (proud) Shaytaan.

كُتِبَ عَلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ مَن تَوَلَّاهُ فَإِنَّهُ يَضِلُّهُ وَيَهْدِيهِ إِلَىٰ عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ ④

4. The decision has been passed against him (Shaytaan) that he will mislead whoever befriends him (whoever does as he wants), and he will lead him to the punishment of the Blaze (Jahannam).

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِن كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّنَ الْبَعْثِ فَإِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِّن ثُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِّن نُّطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ مِّن عَلَقَةٍ ثُمَّ مِّن مُّضْغَةٍ مُّخَلَّقَةٍ وَغَيْرِ مُخَلَّقَةٍ لِّنَبِّئَنَّ لَكُمْ وَنُقَرُّ فِي الْأَرْحَامِ مَا نَشَاءُ إِلَىٰ آجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ثُمَّ نَخْرِجُكُمْ طِفْلًا ثُمَّ لَتَبَلَّغُوا أَشَدَّكُمْ وَمِنْكُمْ مَّن يَتُوفَّىٰ وَمِنْكُمْ مَّن يُرَدُّ إِلَىٰ أَرْدَلٍ

الْعُمْرُ لِكَيْلًا يَعْلَمَ مِنْ بَعْدِ عِلْمٍ شَيْئًا وَتَرَى الْأَرْضَ هَامِدَةً فَإِذَا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْهَا الْمَاءَ
اهْتَزَّتْ وَرَبَتْ وَأَنْبَتَتْ مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجٍ بَهِيجٍ ⑥

5. O people! If you are in doubt about (the possibility of) resurrection, then (remember) We have certainly created you (your father Adam ﷺ) from sand, then (the rest of mankind) from a drop of semen, then (the development of the foetus progresses) from a clot of blood, then (it develops further) from a lump of flesh, which is shaped (perfectly) or unshaped (deformed or miscarried); (you were created in these stages) so that We may show you (Our great power). And, according to Our will, We keep you in (your mothers') wombs until an appointed time (when you are due to be born, which is usually nine months). Thereafter, We remove you (from your mothers' wombs) as children, after which you come of age. There are those of you whose souls We claim (at an early age), while others reach the age of infirmity (senility) so that they know nothing after once possessing (much) knowledge. And (another sign to prove the possibility of resurrection is that) you will see the earth barren (without vegetation and foliage, seemingly dead), then we send rains to it, causing it to stir, flourish and grow every kind of beautiful species (of plant life).

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّهُ يُحْيِي الْمَوْتَىٰ وَأَنَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ⑦

6. This (creation of man and reviving of dead earth) all happens because Allaah is True (without Whom none of this can take place), because He (Alone) gives life to the dead, and because only He has power over all things...

وَأَنَّ السَّاعَةَ آتِيَةٌ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهَا وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْعَثُ مَنْ فِي الْقُبُورِ ⑧

7. ...and (this all occurs because) Qiyaamah is about to happen without any doubt and because Allaah will surely raise those who are (lying) in their graves.

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يُجَادِلُ فِي اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَلَا هُدًى وَلَا كِتَابٍ مُنِيرٍ ⑨

8. Among the people is he who disputes about (the Being, the Attributes and actions of) Allaah without any knowledge (reason), without any guidance, and without any illuminating book (divine scripture).

ثَأْنِي عَظْفِهِ لِيُضِلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ لَهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا خِزْيٌ وَنُذِيقُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ عَذَابَ الْحَرِيقِ ⑩

9. He turns (away from the truth) and walks away to mislead (others) from Allaah's path. He shall suffer disgrace in this world and we shall make him taste the punishment of the Blaze (Jahannam) on the Day of Qiyaamah.

ذَٰلِكَ بِمَا قَدَّمْتَ يَدَكَ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَيْسَ بِظَلَّامٍ لِّلْعَبِيدِ ⑪

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10. This (punishment) is because of what (sins) your hands have sent forth (to be punished in the Aakhirah) and (not an act of oppression from Allaah because) Allaah is certainly not oppressive towards His (many) bondsmen (Allaah punishes people only for the wrong they do and no more).

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَعْبُدُ اللَّهَ عَلَى حَرْفٍ ۖ فَإِنْ أَصَابَهُ خَيْرٌ اطْمَأَنَّ بِهِ ۚ وَإِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ فِتْنَةٌ انْقَلَبَ عَلَىٰ وَجْهِهِ ۚ فَنَحْصِرَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةَ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الْخُسْرَانُ الْمُبِينُ ۝

11. Among man is one who worships Allaah like a person on edge (unsure and unstable, capable of being diverted from Allaah's worship by the smallest doubt). If any good comes to him, he is content with it. However, if any trial overtakes him, his face turns (direction and he reverts to kufr). (By doing this), He is at a loss in this world and in the Aakhirah (because he will suffer in both worlds). This is the manifest loss.

يَدْعُوا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَنْفَعُهُمْ وَلَا يَضُرُّهُمْ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الصَّلَاةُ الْبَعِيدُ ۝

12. He worships besides Allaah that (gods) which can neither harm nor benefit him. This is far deviation (because his idol worship will lead him further and further away from salvation).

يَدْعُوا لِمَن ضَرُّهُ أَقْرَبُ مِنْ نَفْعِهِ ۚ لَيْسَ الْمَوْلَىٰ وَلَيْسَ الْعَشِيرُ ۝

13. He prays to that (false gods) the harms of which are nearer at hand than the benefits. (His gods are) A terrible (evil) ally and a terrible (sinful) companion indeed (because they lead him to Jahannam).

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَدْخُلُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَفْعَلُ مَا يُرِيدُ ۝

14. Allaah will certainly admit those who have Imaan and who perform good actions into Jannaat beneath which rivers flow. Verily Allaah does as He pleases (when He intends good for a person, none can prevent the good from reaching the person).

مَنْ كَانَ يَظُنُّ أَن لَّنْ يَنْصُرَهُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ فَلْيَمْدُدْ بِسَبَبٍ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ ثُمَّ لْيَقْطَعْ فَلْيَنْظُرْ هَلْ يُذْهِبَنَّ كَيْدُهُ مَا يَغِيظُ ۝

15. He who thinks that Allaah will never (ever) assist his Rasool ﷺ in this world and in the Aakhirah, should extend a rope to the skies and then (try to) cut (the process of revelation) to see whether his scheme will remove the cause of his anger (whether this will put a stop to the progress of Deen).

وَكَذَلِكَ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ آيَاتٍ بَيِّنَاتٍ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَهْدِيَ مَن يُرِيدُ ﴿١٦﴾

16. In this way (as We have revealed other Aayaat) We reveal Our clear Aayaat. Allaah will definitely guide whom He wills.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالصَّابِئِينَ وَالنَّصَارَى وَالْمَجُوسَ وَالَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَفْصِلُ
بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ﴿١٧﴾

17. Those who have Imaan (Muslims), the Jews, the Saabi'een, the Christians, the fire worshippers and Mushrikeen, Allaah shall certainly decide between them on the Day of Qiyaamah. Verily Allaah is Witness to all things (and is therefore in the best position to pass judgement).

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَسْجُدُ لَهُ مَن فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَن فِي الْأَرْضِ وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ وَالنُّجُومُ وَالْجِبَالُ وَالشَّجَرُ
وَالْدَّوَابُّ وَلِكَثِيرٍ مِّنَ النَّاسِ وَكَذَلِكَ حَقُّ عَلَيْهِ الْعَذَابُ وَمَن يُهِنِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِن مُّكْرِمٍ إِنَّ اللَّهَ
يَفْعَلُ مَا يَشَاءُ ﴿١٨﴾

18. Do you not see that all within the heavens and the earth prostrate (submit and physically bow down) to Allaah, including the sun, the moon, the stars, the mountains, the trees, the beasts and many people (however, man does not perceive the manner in which these creation bow down to Allaah). And there are many who justly deserve punishment (because they refuse to submit to Allaah). (When Allaah decides to humiliate a person because of his/her disobedience, no one can help the person because) There is none to honour (adequately) the person whom Allaah humiliates. Indeed, Allaah does as He pleases (and none can challenge His decision). (One who recites or hears this verse being recited should perform Sajdah)

هَٰذَانِ خَصْمَانِ اخْتَصَمُوا فِي رَبِّهِمْ فَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا قُطِعَتْ لَهُمْ نِيَابٌ مِّن نَّارٍ يُصَبُّ مِنْ فَوْقِ
رُءُوسِهِمُ الْحَمِيمُ ﴿١٩﴾

19. These (the Mu'mineen and the Kuffaar) are two opponents who debate (argue) about their Rabb. As for those who commit kufr, (many) garments of fire shall be cut out (in pieces) for them and boiling water will be poured over their heads.

يُصْهِرُهُ مِا فِي بُطُونِهِمْ وَالْجُلُودُ ﴿٢٠﴾

20. It (the boiling water) will melt whatever is in their bellies (as they drink it), as well as their skins (when poured over them).

وَلَهُمْ مَّقَامِعٌ مِّنْ حَدِيدٍ ﴿٢١﴾

21. There will (also) be iron hammers (rods in Jahannam) for them (to beat them).

كُلَّمَا أَرَادُوا أَنْ يَخْرُجُوا مِنْهَا مِنْ غَمٍّ أُعِيدُوا فِيهَا وَذُوقُوا عَذَابَ الْحَرِيقِ ٢١

22. Whenever they attempt to escape from the punishment out of grief, they will be returned (to Jahannam) and told, "Taste the punishment of burning."

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُدْخِلُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرَى مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ يُحَلَّوْنَ فِيهَا مِنْ أَسَاوِرَ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ وَلُؤْلُؤًا وَلِبَاسُهُمْ فِيهَا حَرِيرٌ ٢٢

23. Allaah will surely admit those who have Imaan and who do good acts into Jannaat beneath which rivers flow. There they will be adorned with bangles of gold and pearls (which will look beautiful on males and females alike). Their clothes in Jannah shall be (made) of silk.

وَهُدًى إِلَى الطَّيِّبِ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ وَهُدًى إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُبِينٍ ٢٣

24. They have been guided to the best of speech (the Kalimah) and guided to the path of Him, Who is most deserving of praise (guided to Islaam).

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَيَصُدُّونَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ الَّذِي جَعَلْنَاهُ لِلنَّاسِ سَوَاءً الْعَاكِفُ فِيهِ وَالْبَادِ وَمَنْ يُرِدْ فِيهِ بِالْحَادِ يُطْلَمِ نُذِقْهُ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْبِيمِ ٢٤

25. Indeed those who commit kufr, who (by any means) forbid (others) from Allaah's path (Islaam) and from the Masjidul Haraam which We have appointed (as a place of worship) for the people, residents and visitors being equal therein, (for these people as well as for) whoever intends to unjustly perpetrate an act of irreligiousness there (in the Masjidul Haraam), We shall let him taste a painful punishment.

وَأَذِّنْ لِلْبَرِّهِيمِ مَكَانَ الْبَيْتِ أَنْ لَا تُشْرِكْ بِي شَيْئًا وَطَهِّرْ بَيْتِيَ لِلطَّائِفِينَ وَالْقَائِمِينَ وَالرُّكَّعِ السُّجُودِ ٢٥

26. (That time is worth remembering) When We showed Ibraheem ؑ the location of the House (the Kabah) saying, "Do not ascribe any as partner to Myself and cleanse My House (from physical dirt and spiritual dirt such as idols) for those who make Tawaaf, those who stand (in salaah), those who bow (in Ruku i.e. the ummat of Muhammad ﷺ) and those who prostrate.

وَأَذِّنْ فِي النَّاسِ بِالْحَجِّ يَأْتُوكَ رِجَالًا وَلَا عَلَى كُلِّ مَرْجَلٍ فَجَعَلْنَاهُ حُرَّمًا

27. And announce the Hajj among the people; (in response to your announcement) **they will come to you** (walking) **on foot and on every lean camel** (in every condition), **travelling from every distant road...**

لِيَشْهَدُوا مَنَافِعَ لَهُمْ وَيَذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَّعْلُومَةٍ عَلَىٰ مَآرِئِ قَهْمِهِمْ مِنْ بِهِيمَةٍ
الْأَنْعَامِ فَكُلُوا مِنْهَا وَأَطِيعُوا أَمْرَ الْفَقِيرِ ﴿٢٧﴾

28. ...to witness the things of benefit to them (which include material benefits such as benefiting from trade and the meat of sacrificed animals, as well as spiritual benefits such as spiritual enlightenment and rewards in the Aakhirah) **and, during the stipulated days (of Hajj), to take Allaah's name on every animal that Allaah has provided for them** (before they slaughter it). **So eat from it** (from the sacrificed animal) **and feed it to the afflicted poor** (those who are truly in need).

ثُمَّ لِيَقْضُوا وَفْئَهُمْ وَلِيُوفُوا نُدْوَهُمْ وَلِيَطَّوَّفُوا بِالْبَيْتِ الْعَتِيقِ ﴿٢٨﴾

29. Then they should remove their untidiness (unwanted hair and long nails), **fulfil** (any of) **their oaths** (that they may have taken) **and perform Tawaaf around the Freed House** (the Kabah, which has been freed from tyrants).

ذَٰلِكَ وَمَنْ يُعِظِمْ حُرْمَةَ اللَّهِ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ وَأُحِلَّتْ لَكُمُ الْأَنْعَامُ إِلَّا مَا يُنْتَلَىٰ عَلَيْكُمْ
فَاجْتَنِبُوا الرِّجْسَ مِنَ الْأَوْثَانِ وَاجْتَنِبُوا قَوْلَ الزُّورِ ﴿٢٩﴾

30. So it is. Whoever respects the things that Allaah has made sacred, then this (respect) **will be best for him with his Rabb** (because Allaah will reward him for this). **Live stock have been permitted for you** (to consume), **with the exception of those (animals) that have been recited to you** (in other verses of the Qur'aan, making it clear that they are Haraam). **So abstain** (totally) **from the impurity of idols and abstain from false talk...**

حُفَاءَ لِلَّهِ غَيْرَ مُشْرِكِينَ بِهِ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَكَأَنَّمَا خَرَّ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ فَتَخْطَفُهُ الطَّيْرُ أَوْ تَهْوِي بِهِ
الرِّيحُ فِي مَكَانٍ سَحِيقٍ ﴿٣٠﴾

31. ...in a state that you are all Haneef (inclined only towards Allaah and turning away from all other gods), **not ascribing any partners to Him. The example of the one who ascribes partners to Allaah** (the Mushrik) **is like one who has fallen from the sky, to have his remains snatched up by birds or blown off to a distant place by the wind.** (Just like the person falling from the sky cannot help being either ravaged by birds of prey or being carried away by a strong wind, the Mushrik will also be unable to avoid his imminent destruction if he does not become a Mu'min).

ذَٰلِكَ وَمَنْ يُعِظِمْ شَعَائِرَ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّهَا مِنْ تَقْوَى الْقُلُوبِ ﴿٣١﴾

32. So it is. Whoever honours (sincerely) **the landmarks** (distinctive signs) **of (the Deen of) Allaah**

(which are unique to Islaam), then this (respect) is because of the Taqwa of hearts (respect for these landmarks denotes Taqwa in a person's heart).

لَكُمْ فِيهَا مَنَافِعُ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ثُمَّ مَحِلُّهَا إِلَى الْبَيْتِ الْعَتِيقِ ﴿٣٣﴾

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33. There are things of benefit for you in it (in the live stock that you intend to sacrifice during the days of Hajj) **until a stipulated period** (until the time when you declare them to be sacrificial animals. When you make this declaration and proceed with them for Hajj, you will have to stop milking them, riding them or deriving any other benefit from them). **Then** (once you declare that they are to be sacrificed during Hajj) **their destination is the Freed (ancient) House** (the Kabah).

وَلِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ جَعَلْنَا مَسْكَاً يُذْكَرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ عَلَىٰ مَا رَزَقَهُمْ مِنْ بَهِيمَةِ الْأَنْعَامِ وَاللَّهُ وَاحِدٌ
فَلَهُ اسْلِمُوا وَبَشِّرِ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾

34. We have ordained rites (of sacrifice) **for every nation** (of Mu'mineen before you) **so that they may take Allaah's name on the animals that Allaah has provided for them. Your Ilaah is but One Ilaah, so submit** (be obedient) **to Him and convey good news** (of Jannah) **to the humble ones.**

الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرَ اللَّهُ وَجِلَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَالصَّابِرِينَ عَلَىٰ مَا أَصَابَهُمُ الْمَقِيمِ الصَّلَوةَ وَمِمَّا
رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

35. (The humble ones are) Those who, when Allaah is mentioned, their hearts tremble, those who patiently endure (whatever) the adversities that afflict them, who establish salaah and who spend (in charity) from what We have provided for them.

وَالْبُدْنَ جَعَلْنَاهَا لَكُمْ مِنْ شَعَائِرِ اللَّهِ لَكُمْ فِيهَا خَيْرٌ ۖ فَاذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهَا صَوَافٍ ۖ فَإِذَا
وَجِبَتْ جُنُوبُهَا فَكُلُوا مِنْهَا وَأَطِيعُوا الْقَانِعَ وَالْمُعْتَرَّ ۚ كَذَٰلِكَ سَخَّرْنَاهَا لَكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ
تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾

36. And We have made the large (sacrificial) animals (camels and cows) **from the landmarks** (distinctive signs) **of (the Deen of) Allaah, in which lies good for you. So take Allaah's name on them** (when you intend slaughtering them) **as they stand in rows** (ready to be slaughtered). **Then eat from them when they fall on their sides** (after being slaughtered) **and feed (their meat to) the perseverant** (those although poor yet content with what they are given and do not beg) **and (feed also) the beggar. We have placed them** (the animals) **at your service in this manner so that you could be grateful** (for this favour).

لَنْ يَنَالَ اللَّهُ لُحُومَهَا وَلَا دِمَآؤُهَا وَلَكِنْ يَنَالُهُ التَّقْوَىٰ مِنْكُمْ كَذَٰلِكَ سَخَّرَهَا لَكُمْ لِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا هَدَاكُمْ وَنُبَشِّرِ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾

37. (When sacrificing these animals, remember that) Their flesh and blood will never reach Allaah, but it is your Taqwa (your intention for sacrificing) that will reach Him. Allaah has placed them (these animals) at your (total) service in this way so that you proclaim His greatness (abundantly) for the guidance that He has granted you. And convey (the very) good news (of Jannah) to those who do good.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُدَافِعُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ خَوَّانٍ كَفُورٍ ﴿٣٨﴾

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38. Verily Allaah defends those who have Imaan (from the evil of the Kuffaar). Allaah surely does not like every treacherous ingrate (the traitor who is ungrateful).

أَذِنَ لِلَّذِينَ يَقْتُلُونَ بِأَنَّهُمْ ظَلَمُوا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ نَصْرِهِمْ لَقَدِيرٌ ﴿٣٩﴾

39. Permission (the command to fight back) has been granted to those (Muslims) who are under attack (from their enemies) because they have been oppressed (wronged). Without doubt, Allaah is Most Capable of rendering assistance to them.

الَّذِينَ أُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ إِلَّا أَنْ يَقُولُوا رَبَّنَا اللَّهُ وَلَوْلَا دَفْعُ اللَّهِ النَّاسَ بَعْضَهُمْ بِبَعْضٍ لَّهُدَمَتِ صَوَامِعُ وَبِيْعٌ وَصَلَوَاتٌ وَمَسَاجِدُ يُذْكَرُ فِيهَا اسْمُ اللَّهِ كَثِيرًا وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَبْصُرُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ ﴿٤٠﴾

40. (The oppressed ones who have been under attack are) Those who were driven from their homes only because they proclaimed, "Allaah is our Rabb!" If it were not for the fact that Allaah opposes some people with others, monasteries, churches and synagogues would be destroyed, as well as Masaajid in which Allaah's name is taken in abundance (However, because Allaah makes the good people repel attacks from the evil ones, these places of worship remain safe). Allaah will certainly assist those who assist Him (those who assist His Deen). Verily Allaah is Omnipotent, Mighty.

الَّذِينَ إِنَّمَا كُنَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ وَآمَرُوا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَاللَّهُ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُورِ ﴿٤١﴾

41. These (the people whom We have allowed to fight back) are people who, if We grant them

authority (kingdom) **on earth**, (instead of oppressing others and indulging in their whims), **they establish salaah, pay zakaah, enjoin good and forbid evil. The result of all deeds rest with Allaah** (He will evaluate them and reward or punish according to their merit).

وَأِنْ يُكَذِّبُوكَ فَقَدْ كَذَّبَتْ قَبْلَهُمْ قَوْمُ نُوحٍ وَعَادٌ وَثَمُودٌ ﴿٤٢﴾

42. If they (the Mushrikeen) **reject you** (O Rasulullaah ﷺ), **then the nation of Nooh** (عليه السلام), **the Aad** (the nation of Hood عليه السلام) **and the Thamud** (the nation of Saalih عليه السلام) **also rejected** (their Ambiyaa) **before them...**

وَقَوْمَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَقَوْمَ لُوطٍ ﴿٤٣﴾

43. ...as well as the nation of Ibraheem (عليه السلام) **and the nation of Loot** (عليه السلام)...

وَأَصْحَابُ مَدْيَنَ وَكَذَّبَ مُوسَى فَأَمَلَيْتُ لِلْكَافِرِينَ ثُمَّ أَخَذْتَهُمْ وَلَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ ﴿٤٤﴾

44. ...and the people of Madyan (also rejected the message of Shu'ayb عليه السلام), **Moosa** (عليه السلام) **was also rejected. (However), We granted respite to the Kuffaar, after which we seized** (punished) **them. How** (severe) **was My punishment?**

فَكَانَ مِنْ قَرْيَةٍ أَهْلَكْنَاهَا وَهِيَ ظَالِمَةٌ فَهِيَ خَاوِيَةٌ عَلَى عُرُوشِهَا وَيَبْرِىءُ مَعَطَلَةٍ وَقَصْرٍ مَشِيدٍ ﴿٤٥﴾

45. Many were the towns that We destroyed when they were oppressive (when they committed kufr and sin). **They now lie collapsed on their roofs** (after a quake, it is the roof of a building that usually caves in first, followed by the rest of the building). **Many were the** (now) **disused wells and the** (now ruined) **fortresses that were once well built. (All these things were once in use and the pride of the nations that owned them. However, Allaah's punishment utterly destroyed them along with their Kuffaar owners).**

أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَتَكُونُ لَهُمْ قُلُوبٌ يَعْقِلُونَ بِهَا أَوْ آذَانٌ يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا فَإِنَّهَا لَا تَعْمَى الْأَبْصَارُ وَلَكِنْ تَعْمَى الْقُلُوبُ الَّتِي فِي الصُّدُورِ ﴿٤٦﴾

46. Have they (the Kuffaar) **not travelled in the land so that** (by seeing the ruins of once powerful civilisations), **they develop hearts** (that are able) **to understand** (that their plight will be the same as the destroyed nations if they do not accept Imaan) **and ears** (that are able to) **to hear** (the truth with the intention of accepting it)? **It is really not eyes that become blind** (that are affected by blindness that destroys one's life in both worlds), **but it is the hearts that lie in their bosoms which become blind** (to the truth, causing people to be destroyed in this world as well as in the next).

وَيَسْتَعْجِلُونَكَ بِالْعَذَابِ وَلَنْ يُخْلِفَ اللَّهُ وَعْدَهُ وَإِنَّ يَوْمًا عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ كَأَلْفِ سَنَةٍ مِمَّا تَعُدُّونَ ﴿٤٧﴾

47. They want to hurry you with (demand from you) **the punishment** (by continually asking you when

it will arrive) **whereas Allaah will never break** (postpone) **His promise** (He will send His punishment exactly at the time when He has promised it). **Verily a single day with your Rabb** (in the Akhirah) **is like a thousand years according to your count** (in this world).

وَكَايْنٍ مِّنْ قَرْيَةٍ أَمَلَيْتُ لَهَا وَهِيَ ظَالِمَةٌ ثُمَّ أَخَذْتُهَا وَإِلَى الْمَصِيرِ ٤٨

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48. Many were the towns to which I had granted respite although they were oppressive (despite their oppression and kufr; I did not punish them immediately but allowed them time to mend their ways). **Thereafter,** (when they failed to change their ways) **I seized** (punished) **them. To Me shall be the return** (they will return to Me on the Day of Qiyaamah when they will have to account for whatever they did in this world).

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ ٤٩

49. (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) Say, "O people! I am but one who clearly warns you (that you will suffer punishment for not accepting Imaan. However, I cannot force you to accept)."

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ ٥٠

50. As for those who have Imaan and do righteous acts, they shall have forgiveness and a bounteous (honourable) **provision.**

وَالَّذِينَ سَعَوْا فِي آيَاتِنَا مُعْجِزِينَ أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَحِيمِ ٥١

51. (On the contrary), Those who exert themselves in (an attempt to **subdue** or change) **Our Aayaat shall be the dwellers of the Inferno** (Jahannam).

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ وَلَا نَبِيٍّ إِلَّا إِذَا تَمَنَّى أَلْقَى الشَّيْطَانُ فِي أُمْنِيَّتِهِ فَيَنسَخُ اللَّهُ مَا يُلْقِي الشَّيْطَانُ ثُمَّ يُحْكِمُ اللَّهُ آيَتَهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ٥٢

52. It occurred to every Rasool and Nabi whom we sent before you (Rasulullaah ﷺ) **that whenever he recited** (the divine scripture), **Shaytaan cast doubts** (and objections) **in** (the hearts of listeners about) **his recitation.** (The Shayataan and their allies from the human race will never accept Islaam, nor do they wish others to do so. They therefore continue to sow the seeds of doubt in the hearts of others). **However, Allaah eradicates** (blots out) **the doubts that Shaytaan casts** (mixes into peoples' hearts) **and then consolidates** (confirms) **His verses** (by making people understand them clearly). **Allaah is All Knowing, The Wise.**

لِيَجْعَلَ مَا يُلْقِي الشَّيْطَانُ فِتْنَةً لِلَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ وَالْقَاسِيَةِ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَإِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ لَفِي شِقَاقٍ بَعِيدٍ ٥٣

53. (These doubts that are cast into peoples' hearts have different effects on different people. Allaah says that Shaytaan casts these doubts) **So that Allaah makes the doubts cast by Shaytaan a test** (to see whether they accept or reject) **for those in whose hearts is a disease** (of hypocrisy or doubtfulness) **and for those whose hearts are hard** (the Kuffaar). **Indeed, the oppressors** (those who succumb to these doubts) **are in a far removed disagreement** (they will argue at all costs. In this regard, Allaah says in verse 121 of Surah 6, "The Shayateen will surely whisper evil (doubts) into the hearts of their friends (sinners who are astray so) that they dispute with you".)

وَلْيَعْلَمَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ فَيُؤْمِنُوا بِهِ فَتُخْبِتَ لَهُ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَهَادِ
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٤١﴾

54. And (these doubts are also cast) **so that those granted knowledge** (understanding of the Qur'aan and Deen) **should know** (be convinced) **that it** (the revelation that the Nabi recites) **is the truth from your Rabb** and they believe in it, **causing their hearts to bow** (to become soft and submit to Allaah). **Allaah shall definitely guide those who have Imaan to follow the straight path** (of Islaam).

وَلَا يَزَالُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فِي مِرْيَةٍ مِّنْهُ حَتَّىٰ تَأْتِيَهُمُ السَّاعَةُ بَغْتَةً أَوْ يَأْتِيَهُمْ عَذَابٌ يَوْمٍ
عَقِيمٍ ﴿٤٢﴾

55. The Kuffaar will constantly be in doubt about it (the revelation sent to Rasoolullah ﷺ) **until Qiyaamah comes to them suddenly or the punishment** (calamity) **of such a day comes to them in which there is no good.** (It is only when it is too late to accept Imaan that the Kuffaar will realise the error of their ways).

الْمَلِكُ يَوْمَئِذٍ يَكْفِيهِمْ بَيْنَهُمْ فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ ﴿٤٣﴾

56. All kingdom will belong to Allaah on that day (of Qiyaamah because all kings and owners will be dead). **He will judge between them** (between the Mu'mineen and the Kuffaar). **Those who have Imaan and who perform righteous acts will be in Jannaat of bounty** (enjoying the bliss of Jannat).

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا فَاُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ ﴿٤٤﴾

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57. (On the other hand) **Those who commit kufr and who reject Our Aayaat shall have a humiliating punishment.**

وَالَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ قُتِلُوا أَوْ مَاتُوا لَيَرْزُقَنَّهُمُ اللَّهُ رِزْقًا حَسَنًا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَهُوَ
خَيْرُ الرَّزُقِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾

58. We shall certainly provide a most splendid provision to those who make Hijrah in Allaah's path (for Allaah's pleasure) **and who are then martyred or die** (naturally). **Without doubt only Allaah is the Best of providers.**

لِيَدْخِلَهُمْ مُدْخَلَ رِزْوَانِهِ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ حَلِيمٌ ﴿٥٩﴾

59. He will definitely admit them into a place (*Jannah*) with which they will be satisfied. Verily Allaah is All Knowing, Forbearing.

ذَٰلِكَ وَمَنْ عَاقَبَ بِمِثْلِ مَا عُوِّقَ بِهِ ثُمَّ نَجَّىٰ عَلَيْهِ لِيَنْصِرَهُ اللَّهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَعَفُوفٌ غَفُورٌ ﴿٦٠﴾

60. So it is (*You have heard this, so do practise it*). Allaah will surely help the one who is oppressed after he retaliates in proportion to the harm done to him (*Allaah will not help him if his retaliation exceeds the harm done to him*). Verily Allaah is Most Pardoning, Most Forgiving.

ذَٰلِكَ يَٰنَّ اللَّهَ يُؤَلِّجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُؤَلِّجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٦١﴾

61. This (*help from Allaah*) is (*not hard to believe*) because Allaah (*is so powerful that He*) certainly enters the night into the day and enters the day into the night (*He is therefore Most Capable of helping whoever He chooses*). And (*this help will surely come because*) Allaah is surely All Hearing, All Seeing (*and knows precisely who to help and for what reasons*).

ذَٰلِكَ يَٰنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنْ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ هُوَ الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ ﴿٦٢﴾

62. This (*help*) is (*not hard to believe*) because only Allaah is True (*the True Ilaah*) and all that they (*the Kuffaar*) worship besides Him are false (*Allaah will therefore certainly help those who recognise His Divinity*). And (*this help will surely come because*) Allaah is certainly The Highest, The Greatest (*He can do as He pleases*).

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَتُصْبِحُ الْأَرْضُ مُخْضَرَّةً ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَطِيفٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿٦٣﴾

63. Do you not see that (*it is*) Allaah (*and not the gods of the Kuffaar Who*) sends the rains from the skies, causing the earth to flourish with (*much*) greenery? Verily Allaah is Compassionate (*Merciful since He provides for you*), Informed (*knows well when you are ungrateful to Him by worshipping those who cannot provide for you*).

لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَهَوَالْغَنَى الْحَمِيدُ ﴿٦٤﴾

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64. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and in the earth. Allaah (*and none else*) is undoubtedly Independent (*all need Him while He needs none*), Worthy of praise (*because all good comes from Him*).

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ سَخَّرَ لَكُم مَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَالْفُلُكَ تَجْرِي فِي الْبَحْرِ بِأَمْرِهِ وَيُمْسِكُ السَّمَاءَ أَنْ تَقَعَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِالنَّاسِ لَكَرِيمٌ ﴿٦٥﴾

65. Do you not see that Allaah has placed (subjected) everything on earth at your (man's) service, including the ships that navigate the oceans by His command? (In this manner, He allows you to benefit from all these things). And He restrains the sky from crashing onto the earth without His command. Without doubt, Allaah is Most Forgiving and Most Merciful towards mankind (He protects them and ensures their survival on earth even though most of them reject Him).

وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَحْيَاكُمْ ثُمَّ يُمِيتُكُمْ ثُمَّ يُحْيِيكُمْ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَكَفُورٌ ﴿٦٦﴾

66. It is He Who gives you life, then gives you death, after which He will grant you life again (on the Day of Qiyaamah). Man (the Kuffaar) is surely an awful ingrate (ungrateful person) (He refuses to obey and worship Allaah even though Allaah has blessed him with all the bounties mentioned above and more).

لِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ جَعَلْنَا مَنَسَكًا هُمْ نَاسِكُوهُ فَلَا يُنَازِعَنَّكَ فِي الْأَمْرِ وَادِّعْ إِلَى رَبِّكَ إِنَّكَ لَعَلَى هُدًى مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٦٧﴾

67. We have ordained (decreed) rites (ways and laws of sacrifice) for every nation (of Mu'mineen), according to which they worship (serve Allaah). So (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) they should never argue with you in these matters (because these matters have been decided by Allaah). Call unto Allaah (worship Him), for you are certainly upon the guidance of the straight path (Islam).

وَإِنْ جَادَلُوكَ فَقُلِ اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

68. If they argue with you (and refuse to submit), then say, "Allaah knows best what you do (and He will grant you the appropriate rewards or punishment)."

اللَّهُ يَحْكُمُ بَيْنَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ فِيمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾

69. "Allaah will decide (judge) between you on the Day of Qiyaamah concerning the matters about which you dispute."

أَلَمْ تَعْلَمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِنَّ ذَلِكَ فِي كِتَابٍ إِنَّ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ ﴿٧٠﴾

70. Do you not know that Allaah knows whatever is in the heavens and the earth? This is all in the Book (the "Lowhul Mahfoodh"). (Keeping informed of) This (knowledge) is certainly easy for Allaah.

وَيَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يَنْزِلْ بِهِ سُلْطَانٌ وَمَا لَيْسَ لَهُمْ بِهِ عِلْمٌ وَمَا الظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ نَصِيرٍ ﴿٧١﴾

71. Besides Allaah, they (the Mushrikeen) worship things regarding which Allaah has not revealed any warrant (authorisation), and about which they (the Mushrikeen) have no knowledge (they have no proof for regarding these gods as their deities). The (unjust) oppressors (Mushrikeen) will have no helper (to save them from Allaah's punishment).

وَإِذَا تَنَزَّلَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ آيَاتُنَا بَيِّنَاتٍ تَعْرِفُ فِي وُجُوهِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الْمُنْكَرَ يَكْادُونَ يَسْطُونَ بِالَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ عَلَيْهِمُ آيَاتِنَا قُلْ أَفَأَنْتُمْ مُبْشِرُونَ ذَلِكَ النَّارُ وَعَدَهَا اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٧٢﴾

72. When Our clear Aayaat are recited to them, you will detect (recognise) displeasure (denial) on the faces of the Kuffaar. They (dislike to hear it so much that they) could almost attack those reciting Our Aayaat to them. Say, "Should I inform you of something (which you would regard to be) worse than this? The Fire (of Jahannam) ! Allaah has promised it for those (like you) who commit kufr. It is a terrible abode indeed." (Their dislike for the Qur'aan will lead them to something they would dislike much more. Whereas they can try to stop the person reciting the Qur'aan to them, they will not be able to stop the punishment of Jahannam).

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ ضَرْبٌ مَثَلٌ فَاسْتَمِعُوا لَهُ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ لَنْ يَخْلُقُوا ذَبَابًا وَلَوْ اجْتَمَعُوا لَهُ وَإِنْ يَسْلُبْهُمُ الذُّبَابُ شَيْئًا لَا يَسْتَنْقِذُوهُ مِنْهُ ضَعُفَ الظَّالِمُ وَالْمَطْلُوبُ ﴿٧٣﴾

73. O people! An example (indicating the helplessness of all false gods) has been given, so listen attentively to it. Indeed those (gods) that you worship besides Allaah can never create even (something as little and insignificant as) a fly (which Allaah has created in great abundance) even though all of them (the false gods) join forces in this effort. (In fact), If a (weak and insignificant) fly has to steal anything from them (from these gods), they (are so helpless that they) cannot (even) retrieve it. The seeker (the Mushrikeen) and the sought (their gods) are both weak (feeble and helpless).

مَا قَدَرُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ قَدْرِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ ﴿٧٤﴾

74. They (the misguided people) have not honoured (realised the greatness and dignity of) Allaah as He deserves to be honoured (as they ought to recognise His greatness. It is because of this failure that they do not worship and obey Him as they should). Allaah is surely The Powerful (strong), the Mighty.

اللَّهُ يَصْطَفِي مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ رُسُلًا وَمِنَ النَّاسِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٧٥﴾

75. Allaah selects Rusul (messengers) from the angels (who carry His messages to the

Ambiyaa (عليه السلام) and from mankind. Verily Allaah is All Hearing, All Seeing (He therefore knows best who deserves the honour of being a Rasool).

يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ ۖ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ تُرْجَعُ الْأُمُورُ ﴿٧٦﴾

76. He knows what is before them (their future) and what is behind them (their past. Therefore, He is Capable of selecting those people as Rasul whose past and future acts will not pollute the noble mantle of Prophethood). All matters return to Allaah (He has the final say in all matters because everything happens only as and when He pleases).

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ارْكَعُوا وَاسْجُدُوا وَاعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمْ وَافْعَلُوا الْخَيْرَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٧٧﴾

77. O you who have Imaan, bow, prostrate, worship your Rabb and carry out (all other) good deeds so that you may be successful (reap good in both worlds).

وَجَاهِدُوا فِي اللَّهِ حَقَّ جِهَادِهِ ۚ هُوَ اجْتَبَاكُمْ وَمَا جَعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ مِنْ حَرَجٍ ۚ مَثَلَهُ
 آيِبِكُمْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ۖ هُوَ سَمَّاكُمُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَفِي هَذَا لِيَكُونَ الرَّسُولُ شَهِيدًا عَلَيْكُمْ
 وَتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ ۚ فَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِاللَّهِ هُوَ مَوْلَاكُمْ
 فَنِعْمَ الْمَوْلَىٰ وَنِعْمَ النَّصِيرُ ﴿٧٨﴾

78. Strive for (the Deen of) Allaah as you ought to strive for Him (as is required of you, with total devotion, perfection and without any ulterior motives). He has chosen you (to be Muslims in the Ummah of the best Nabi (ﷺ) and has not placed any hardship (difficulty) upon you in Deen. Follow the religion of your father Ibraheem (عليه السلام). It was He (Allaah) who named you Muslims from before (in the previous scriptures) and in this Qur'aan, so that (on the Day of Qiyaamah) the Rasool (ﷺ) may be a witness over you (attesting to your truthfulness when you declare that the Ambiyaa (عليه السلام) passed on Allaah's complete message to their communities), and so that you may be witnesses against mankind (against the Kuffaar of the previous communities who will claim that their Ambiyaa (عليه السلام) did not pass Allaah's message on to them). So (to live up to this high status you should) establish salaah, pay zakaah and hold fast to Allaah (rely only on Him and ask only Him for assistance). He is your Protecting Friend. (He is) The Best Protecting Friend and the Best Helper. (With Allaah as your Protecting Friend and Helper, you need no one else.)